(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) and (b) All the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees including that for Southern Railway are already in the process of reconstitution.

Increase of air flights from Calicut airport

2609. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHA RAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the number of flights from Calicut airport, to connect it with other airports in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Report of Commissioner of Railways Safety

2610. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHA-RAN.-SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety regarding the accident of 26 down Trivandrum Island Express on the 8th July, 1938; and

(b) if so, what are the main findings thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE. MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doss not arise.

Promotion of Vice-Principals as Principals

2611. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Vice-Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas have recently been promoted/selected and posted as Principals despite the fact that disciplinary proceedings are still pending against them; and

(b) if so, what are the details there- ' of and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2312. *[Transferred to the 22nd*

Installation of Turbo-Chargers on Diesel Locunotiyes

2613. SHRI SHANKARRAO NA-RAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Railways plan to instal Turbo-Chargers on diesel locomotives to improve their efficiency and reduce fuel consumption as part of Railways modernisation/upgradation programme;

(b) if so, what is the number of turbo-chargers ordered from abroad, so far. the names of overseas suppliers, quantity ordered and prices paid to them;

(c) what is the estimated demand, in number, for this equipment for next five years;

(d) whether the Railways plan to manufacture this equipment in Railway Workshops;

(e) if so, what is the likely installed capacity and time frame for manufacturing this equipment in Railway Workshops; and

(f) whether Railways propose to assist-Public Sector Units also, to manufacture this vital equipment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF . RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) Turbo-chargers have been a Standard fitment existing on most diesel locomotives from the time deisel locomotives were introduced on Indian Railways over 30 years ago.

(b) Since procurement of Turbo-chargers is a continuous activity, details of imports of complete turbo-chargers for the last 5 years are furnished as per enclosed statement. (See *below)*

(c) Approximately 1300 complete turbo-chargers of different types,

(d) Turbo-chargers for Alco model engines are already being manufactured at Diesel Loco Works, Varanasi.

(e) capacity at Diesel Loco Works, Varanasi is for 185 turbo-chargers per year.

(f) Yes, Sir. In respect of indigenous development of components M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics . Ltd., Bangalore have taken up indigenous development of turbine bucket and disc-assemblies which are, -at present, imported.

Statement

Details of Import for Turbo super chargers for the last five years.

Description	Quantity order	Date of	Name of the Supplier	Unit Cost.
Broad Gauge Turbo Super Charger	101	27-6-87	M/s. Bombardier Canada	US319378.35
Metre Gauge Turbo Super Charger Broad Gauge Turbo Super Charger	33	27-6-87	M/s. Bombardier Canada	US S21496.43 10
		1-4-86	M/s. Hispano Suiza France	FF$16000000
	10	5-1-86	M/s. AMC/UK & for Napier Turbosuper Charger	UK £10840-00
	10	5-1-86	M/s. Brown Boveri Switzerland	SF 2996000
	10	2-3-88	M/s. RBA Argentina	US$19700 00
Turbosuper Charger for diesel hydraulic locos.	72	12-11-82	M/s. Brown Boveri Switzerland.	SF 24780-00
	43	*29-1-85*	M/s. Hindustan* Brown Boveri.	Rs. 248180-00
	39	16-9-85		Rs. 266565-00
	52	19-8-86		Rs. 274649-20
	50	11-8-87		Rs. 285920-00
	112	28-10-87		Rs. 247000.00

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